

Due for a tune-up?

5 ways to get more miles per gallon while reducing your car's impact on air quality

Get a tune-up — Following the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule keeps the engine running efficiently and more cleanly, which means better mileage, more trouble-free motoring and less emissions.

Avoid long idling — No matter how fuel efficient it is while moving, a vehicle gets zero miles per gallon when sitting still with its engine running. Turn off the ignition when stopped for prolonged periods.

Check tires regularly — Keeping tires inflated to their recommended pressures improves mileage by decreasing drag. It also reduces tire wear. AAA recommends checking tire pressures at least monthly.

Obey speed limits — It will make you a safer driver, and you'll burn considerably less fuel.

Make one trip — Combine errands with other daily driving, such as making a grocery or other stop on the way home from work or your kid's soccer game.

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